

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5, 8-34, 37-39, and 42-44 are presently pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 14, 19, 24, 30, 37, and 42 have been amended. Claims 6-7 have been cancelled. Support for these amendments can be found in the originally filed specification, for example at original claim 6. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging that claims 4 and 6-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled and the subject matter of claim 6 has been incorporated into independent claims 1, 14, 19, 24, 30, 37, and 42. Accordingly, only the allowed claims remain.

Further, the Examiner has argued on page 4 of the 3-3-09 Final Office Action that claim 37, as filed on 6-13-08, recites untreated amines rather than treated amines. Applicant respectfully submits that all independent claims, including amended claim 37, presently recite treated amines.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. This is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Examiner's Office Action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 50-2961.

Respectfully submitted,

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